

APPENDIX 3 | Letters of Support

The Project brings a wealth of stakeholder support, as demonstrated by the breadth of letters of support from elected officials, business groups, community associations, educational institutions, and other organizations. The following entities' and individuals' letters are included. Should additional letters be submitted following grant application, they will be added to the project website (<http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/BUILD>).

Larry Hogan, Governor of Maryland

Maryland Congressional Delegation

Antonio Hayes, Maryland State Senator

Mary Washington, Maryland State Senator

Talmdge Branch, Maryland State Delegate

Maryland House Committee on Environment and Transportation

Brandon Scott, Baltimore City Mayor

Amtrak

Baltimore Development Corporation

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

Bolton Hill Community Association

Central Baltimore Partnership

Central Maryland Transportation Alliance / Bikemore

Charles North Community Association

Charles Street Development Corporation

Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore

Greater Washington Partnership

Greenmount West Community Association

Johns Hopkins University

Live Baltimore

MARC Riders Advisory Council

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

Maryland Institute College of Art

Maryland Transportation Commission

MD Washington Minority Companies Association

Midtown Community Benefits District

Mount Vernon Belvedere Association

Station North Arts District

Transit Choices



LARRY HOGAN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) two applications for Rebuilding American Infrastructure for Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant funding. These important projects advance critical state and national economic development and infrastructure objectives.

The two projects include the following:

MDOT State Highway Administration (SHA), *US 1 Overlea Community Safety Improvement Project*:

MDOT SHA is seeking grant funding to add turn lanes and significantly enhance access and mobility through Americans with Disability Act (ADA) improvements and enable healthy, active transportation on US 1 between I-695 and the Baltimore City line. Historically, US 1 has experienced long traffic queues during peak travel periods, creating congestion and safety concerns. US 1 experiences significant pedestrian crash rates which are two times higher than the statewide average. Within this project area, there is a half mile segment of US 1 that experiences pedestrian crash rates four times higher than the statewide average for similar routes. The project will address critical community safety concerns, reduce congestion delays, and provide more reliable travel times in order to support equitable access to opportunity and economic growth. This application represents the strong partnership among MDOT SHA, Baltimore County, the US 1 Overlea community members and businesses, as well as elected officials representing this area, all of whom have expressed unwavering support of this project.

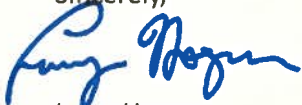
MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), *Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project*:

MDOT MTA is seeking grant funding to improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. The project provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This project complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners' (PSP) \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances. The need for safe, fast, and reliable intermodal connections is critical.

A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the project area with benefits impacting all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

I strongly support these grant applications and urge you to award the requested RAISE funds to these vital, transformative projects. Thank you for your time and consideration of these important grant applications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry Hogan
Governor

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for \$5 million in grant funding for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections project through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) program.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. Serving more than three million Amtrak and MARC passengers each year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. The need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections at Baltimore Penn Station is critical.

This \$12 million project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access, and it complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners' more than \$450 million transit oriented commercial development.

The proposed multi-modal infrastructure investments include adding dedicated bus lanes and curb extensions, bus stop amenities, and curbside management to improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

We request your full and favorable consideration of this significant project to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub on the northeast corridor and gateway to Baltimore City.

Sincerely,



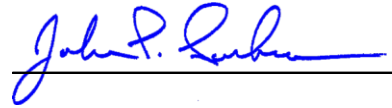
Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator



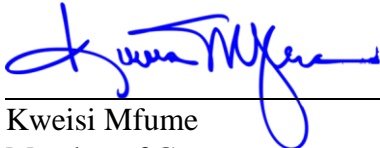
Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator



C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger
Member of Congress



John P. Sarbanes
Member of Congress



Kweisi Mfume
Member of Congress



Andy Harris, M.D.
Member of Congress



Anthony G. Brown
Member of Congress



Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress



David J. Trone
Member of Congress



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 31, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with
Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support the Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrate a strong alliance between federal, state and local partners, including the MDOT MTA, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City's Department of Transportation and the National Public Safety Partnership. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

The proposed infrastructure improvements support environmental goals that are in line with legislation I co-sponsored: the Climate Solutions Act of 2022. Furthermore, my constituents increasingly are seeking environmental solutions that also improve their quality of life.

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I respectfully request your favorable consideration of this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

Sincerely,



Senator Antonio Hayes
40th Legislative District of Maryland

MARY L. WASHINGTON, PH.D
Legislative District 43
Baltimore City

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Environmental Affairs Committee

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Homelessness

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Joint Committee on Children,
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March 24, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

I respectfully urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

In Partnership,

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Senator Mary Washington, PhD

Baltimore City, 43rd District

TALMADGE BRANCH
Legislative District 45
Baltimore City

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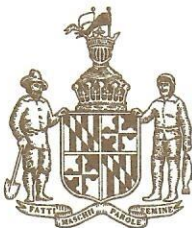
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Joint Committee on Legislative Policy

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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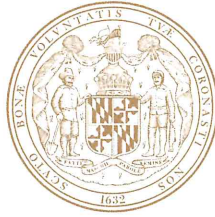
Thank you for considering this significant project and the critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Delegate Talmadge Branch
Majority Whip

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 25, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the House Committee on Environment and Transportation, I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

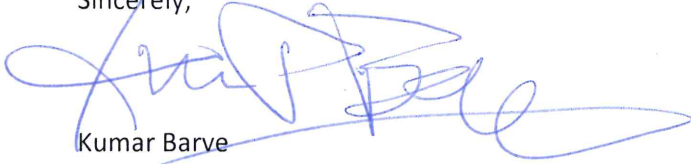
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We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Kumar Barve
Chairman



BRANDON M. SCOTT
MAYOR

*100 Holliday Street, Room 250
Baltimore, Maryland 21202*

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the City of Baltimore, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$12 million project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access and complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit-oriented commercial development.

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In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry

thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

I urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrate the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

In service,

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Brandon M. Scott
Mayor
City of Baltimore



Dennis J. Newman

Executive Vice President, Strategy, Planning and Accessibility

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: USDOT's FY22 RAISE Grant Application - Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections (MD)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), I am writing to express our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) application submitted under the US Department of Transportation's (USDOT) FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program for the ***Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project***.

Baltimore Penn Station (Station) is Amtrak's 8th busiest, and Amtrak is currently undertaking a comprehensive station overhaul which will benefit from additional RAISE grant investment.

The project scope includes improvements to pedestrian safety, multi-modal connectivity, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from the Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The project scope comprises four coordinated, complementary components that work together to enhance the project area's safety, state of good repair, economic competitiveness, environmental sustainability, and quality of life. The following multi-modal improvements will support the development planned for the Station and improve connectivity with nearby transportation investments:

- Transit Priority Treatments, including dedicated bus lanes and curb extensions on Charles and St. Paul Streets.
- Bus Stop Amenities, including real-time bus signage.
- Curbside Management, including dedicated curbside station frontages for rideshare and for-hire pick-up and drop-off to improve safety and efficient intermodal connections.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity, including new and improved existing connections for Amtrak customers at the Station between rail service and all local modes of travel, with a focus on transit connections.

The Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak's *Northeast Regional*, *Acela*, and MARC commuter rail. The Station also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around the Station will see increasing levels

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of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

Sincerely,

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Dennis J. Newman
Executive Vice President, Strategy, Planning and Accessibility

cc: Holly Arnold, MTA Administrator, HArnold@mdot.maryland.gov



Baltimore
Development Corporation

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: RAISE Grant Application - Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Baltimore Development Corporation, I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. The scope of this project is informed by a five-year plus community-based planning process that has involved 100+ stakeholder groups. The approximately \$12 million Project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station mobility improvements, and complements: (1) \$10,500,000 in State of Maryland funding for station, multimodal, and public realm improvements; (2) Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion; and (3) Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. Importantly, the Project will expand the scope of the robust Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Local Hiring, and Workforce Training Program that is integral to the existing investments at Baltimore Penn Station.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also provides affordable access to job centers such as Downtown Baltimore and Baltimore Washington International (BWI) Airport via MTA Light Rail. The station has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City, a historical landmark and civic destination, and

central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as the Penn Station redevelopment plan advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and Penn Station Partners (the private developers leading the Penn Station master development) – to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Colin Tarbert, President & CEO
Baltimore Development Corporation



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Steuart Pittman
County Executive

City of Baltimore
Brandon Scott
Mayor

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Carroll County
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Member, Board of Commissioners

Harford County
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County Executive

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
US Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, is pleased to offer its support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or educational opportunities.

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The BRTB is committed to adding all funds awarded under this program to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) immediately upon award. This project directly responds to the safety and mobility goals identified in the Baltimore region's long-range transportation plan.

Sincerely,

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Samuel Snead, Empowered Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board



April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: RAISE Grant Application for Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Bolton Hill Community Association joins its neighbors in nearby Charles North and Mount Vernon neighborhoods to express robust support for the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project through the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. Bolton Hill residents value the neighborhood's proximity to Baltimore Penn Station, so the proposed improvements to pedestrian walkways, public transportation, streetscaping, better curbside pick-up and drop-off, and secure bicycle storage will be appreciated. We also see the broader value of the project in conjunction with the roughly half a billion dollars in Amtrak investments and transit-oriented development underway around the station for the roughly 3 million passengers who rely on Baltimore Penn Station for their rail travel.

We are enthusiastic about the possibility of the transportation improvements around Baltimore Penn Station possible with the RAISE grant and ask for your favorable consideration of the Maryland Department of Transportation's application.

Sincerely,

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David Nyweide
Bolton Hill Community Association President

April 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590



Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Central Baltimore Partnership, the organization is writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 *Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)*

Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Respectfully,

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Ellen Janes,
Executive Director



**Transportation
Alliance**



Bikemore

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Bikemore and the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, we are writing to express our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

Jed Weeks
Interim Executive Director and Policy Director, Bikemore

Brian O'Malley
President & CEO, Central Maryland Transportation Alliance



April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of The Charles North Community Association, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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All the Best,

David Lapides
President - Charles North Community Association



April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Charles Street Development, I am writing to express my full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Speaker
Executive Director



April 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore (EAGB), I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for funding in the amount of \$6M from the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The RAISE funds will allow MDOT/MTA to implement the **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) and facilitate multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City.

With the RAISE grant, the \$12M Project will leverage \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access and state and local funds to complement Amtrak's investment of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, the focal point for Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. The application and matching funds associated with the Project demonstrate the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

EAGB markets the economic development assets of Greater Baltimore, a region that includes seven jurisdictions – Anne Arundel, Howard, Cecil, Carroll, Harford and Baltimore Counties – and the heart of the Region, Baltimore City. Penn Station is a gateway to Baltimore city but as importantly a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. An historic landmark and civic destination, the station is a central connection point to Downtown Baltimore from locations throughout the Region and several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

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EAGB strongly supports MDOT/MTA's request and asks for your approval for this significant Project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor.

Sincerely,

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Michele L. Whelley
President & CEO

Cc: EAGB Board of Directors

April 5, 2021

The Honorable Peter Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application for the MDOT MTA Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership), I am writing to express our support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program to improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, and access for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, leisure, or access to opportunity.

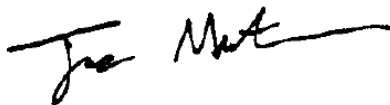
The Partnership is a civic alliance of the leading employers in the Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington and Richmond who employ more than 300,000 residents and are committed to making the region one of the best places to live, work, and build a business. Penn Station is a key regional rail hub for the Capital Region, providing access to Amtrak's Northeast Corridor and Acela service, MARC commuter rail service, and MDOT's MTA regional light rail and bus service for Baltimore residents and millions of annual visitors. Enhancing regional rail service, rail stations, and access to and from regional rail hubs, including Penn Station, are key components of our [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#) and [Capital Region Rail Vision](#).

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** includes multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$12 million project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access and complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion, as well as Penn Station Partners' (PSP) \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development around the station.

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I thank you for your consideration and support of the Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project. The application and matching funds associated with the project demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Joe McAndrew
Vice President, Government Affairs & Infrastructure





April 4th, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Greenmount West Community we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

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Lauren Kelly-Washington
President, Greenmount West Community Association (GWCA)



April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Vice President

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express Live Baltimore's support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents.

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Improvements to Penn Station will increase safety, efficiency, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore City residents who rely on rail transit every day. In addition, the area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances. I hope you will favorably consider investing in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access in the heart of Baltimore City.

Sincerely,



Annie Milli
Executive Director
Live Baltimore
amilli@livebaltimore.com

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

On behalf of the riders of the MARC Rail Commuter Service, the members of the MARC Riders Advisory Council are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,



Steve Chan – Chair, MARC Riders Advisory Council – Penn Line

Joe Conny – Vice-Chair, MARC Riders Advisory Council – Brunswick Line
Brian Love – Council Member – Penn Line

Carrie Blough – Council Member – Brunswick Line
Charles Enders – Council Member – Brunswick Line
Cheryl Bates Harris – Council Member – Penn Line
Corine Lopez – Council Member – Camden Line
JC Hendrickson – Council Member – Penn Line
JP Carnes -Stine – Council Member – Brunswick Line
Judah Pero – Council Member – Penn Line
June Brandt – Council Member – Penn Line
Katina Dashiell – Council Member – Camden Line
Katherine Hodges – Council Member – Camden Line
LaToya Griffith – Council Member – Brunswick Line

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Lt. Governor

KENNETH C. HOLT
Secretary

OWEN McEVOY
Deputy Secretary



April 4, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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The redevelopment of Penn Station also builds on past support from DHCD, including a \$750,000 fiscal year 2021 grant to support the development of a pedestrian plaza/promenade connecting Penn Station with the University of Baltimore/Mount Royal light rail stop that will improve pedestrian access to the station. That support was part of a much larger, multi-year investment in the revitalization of commercial and residential areas surrounding Penn Station. From fiscal year 2017-2021 alone DHCD invested more than \$815 million in community development projects within a mile of the station. Projects included stabilization and redevelopment of vacant buildings for commercial and residential use, multifamily housing developments, business development and development of arts and entertainment venues.



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We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, BCDOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible. We look forward to continuing our partnership to support the revitalization of Penn Station and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,



Kenneth C. Holt
Secretary



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), I am writing to express the College's full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and economic development opportunities for residents and all those who connect through Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, and access to services, businesses and education opportunities. MICA students, faculty and staff rely on public transportation for their work and this investment in our infrastructure will enhance our ability to attract and retain talent in Maryland for the benefit of the overall community.

The Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore. This project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access and complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion; Penn Station Partners' \$450+M transit oriented commercial development. Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also is a significant gateway to Baltimore, a historical destination, active regional hub and home of top universities, cultural institutions and commercial enterprises.

Over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers go through Baltimore Penn Station per year, with two key arteries, Charles and St. Paul Streets, carrying thousands of bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A RAISE grant will unlock the ability of MDOT MTA – in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP – to transform the area with benefits to a broad and diverse population who travel through this important hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in strategic improvements to multi-modal access and safety for this hub along the northeast corridor. The Project and associated

matching funds demonstrate the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners are working together to actualize these improvements for this critical transportation corridor for Maryland.

Sincerely,

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Samuel Hoi
President

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Maryland Transportation Commission, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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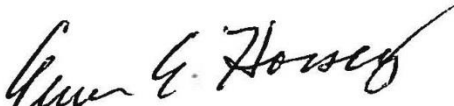
We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor in order to advance this project as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


James Albert Calderwood
Chairman



Camillo DiCamillo
Ex-Officio Member



Jennifer Hill Leineweber
Member


Elmer E. Horsey
Ex-Officio Member



Barbara Richman Kahn
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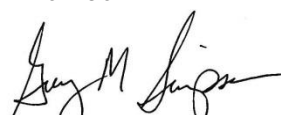

Debra Farrar-Dyke
Member

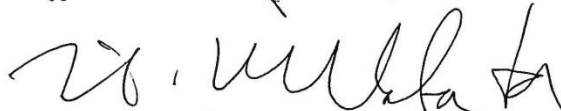

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Natasha Iheme
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George Littrell
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Mario VillaSanta
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April 7, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project

Dear Secretary, Buttigieg:

On behalf of MD Washington Minority Companies Association, I/we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. The scope of this project is informed by a five-year plus community-based planning process that has involved 100+ stakeholder groups. The approximately \$12 million Project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station mobility improvements, and complements: (1) \$10,500,000 in State of Maryland funding for station, multimodal, and public realm improvements; (2) Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion; and (3) Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. Importantly, the Project will expand the scope of the robust Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Local Hiring, and Workforce Training Program that is integral to the existing investments at Baltimore Penn Station.

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Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and Penn Station Partners (the private developers leading the Penn Station master development) – to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel or connect through this important transportation hub.

We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the northeast corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Wayne R. Frazier, Sr.
President

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of the Midtown Community Benefits District, I'm writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,

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Eric Souza
President
Midtown Community Benefits District

April 5, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Chao:

On behalf of Mount Vernon Belvedere Association, we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and for all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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Sincerely,



President
Mount Vernon Belvedere Association

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: RAISE Grant Application
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Station North Arts District, I am writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, equity, and access to economic opportunities for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities. This is particularly prescient for the incredible array of artists, creatives, makers, and entrepreneurs who live and work in Station North Arts District, which is bounded to the south by Penn Station.

The **Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project** (the Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections to support the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. The scope of this project is informed by a five-year plus community-based planning process that has involved 100+ stakeholder groups. The approximately \$12 million Project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station mobility improvements, and complements: (1) \$10,500,000 in State of Maryland funding for station, multimodal, and public realm improvements; (2) Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion; and (3) Penn Station Partners' \$450+ million transit oriented commercial development. Importantly, the Project will expand the scope of the robust Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Local Hiring, and Workforce Training Program that is integral to the existing investments at Baltimore Penn Station.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Becker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Abby" and last name "Becker" clearly legible.

Abby Becker, Station North Arts District Manager



516 N. Charles Street, Suite 312 - Baltimore, Maryland 21201

April 8, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Transit Choices we are writing to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) application for the FY22 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program. The proposed improvements will improve safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

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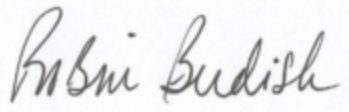
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Robin Budish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robin" and last name "Budish" clearly legible.

Robin Budish
Director

Phone: 410.340.4878

Email: robin@transitchoices.org